

## **WHCETF Meeting Notes 3/21/12**

### **Introductions**

Jeff Howard, Joe Campanella, Catherine Diviney, Paul Popinchalk, Susan Begin, Steve Elson, Melissa Everett, Roger Smith

#### **1. Updates**

Clean Energy Banner- not sure where Chris left off before his accident.

Support letters re: oil efficiency, Community Energy tabling- decided to endorse

#### **2. Municipal updates**

Municipal efficiency projects

Surveyed most major municipal buildings with Peregrine and cost/benefit spreadsheet tool.

Spent 2/3 of our budget with Peregrine.

Energy savings performance contracts

Bloomfield with Peregrine to do RFP? and interest in working with W. Hartford to select ESCO with them.

Questions as to timing vs state performance contracting effort, which is also doing RFQ for ESCOs and also model documents.

#### **Webster Hill**

Lowest performing elementary school (steam heat). Working with ESC in W. Hartford to implement several hundred thousand dollars of steam traps/controls, DHW, lighting. Bring school 25 to 75 Energy Star. 1/3 state incentive, 1/3 on-bill, 1/3 energy services fund.

#### **3. Business Support**

Blue Back Square/REI,

BlueBack up for sale. Can Town of WH place policies onto next developer? Joe- agreement done.

Do we still have leverage? Paul to ask Milla

Paul met with manager Jeremy Castle but owners of Blueback will not allow.

#### **Hotel**

Joe- Greenspace across from NYSC. Town wants to put a hotel there. Joe suggests requiring some sustainability measures (LEED, renewably powered, cogen?). Town has incredible leverage with developer.

What is the process? How long will it take? Ask Milla- Paul.

For us to decide: what requirements/recommendations do we want to make it sustainable if it happens. Talk to council re: policy and upcoming project.

Next step: Joe, Catherine, Sue, Roger talk to Burke.

#### **4. Solar RFP**

July utilities will put out auction for zRECs. W. Hartford would need to do competitive process upfront. WH doing roofing replacement this summer at Conard (80,000ft<sup>2</sup>), next summer King Phillip and own hall. Get structural engineering info for the RFP.

Starting December W. Hartford at 6.29 cents/kwh for generation, lock in for year.  
W. Hartford to ask what the expected savings are and what the min. ZREC bid they'll accept

Also, CCM planning to bid into ZREC program on behalf of towns. Discount of 2-4 cents/kwh.

#### 5. Upcoming Events

3/24 Wethersfield symposium- Roger will attend

4/3 Municipal lead by example workshop- Catherine Diviney to attend

4/3 Board of Education presentation by Catherine/Bob

#### 6. Clean Energy Options Marketing

Melissa Everett, Community Energy attended.

All CL&P electric customers can join CT Clean Energy Options program to support renewable energy. Current price 4% (was 5%), 99% NE Wind (NY, PA, NJ, NH) and 1% solar.

Community Energy does tabling and works with town task forces to support. Also pays task forces for sign-ups they generate. Each 100 sign-ups qualifies town for free solar panel.

Melissa's job is to open up new locations for outreach. Got into Blueback Square.

What will the task force do?

Got small grant to put up banner in center of town with sign-up counter (Chris Nelson working on this)

Celebrate W. Hartford booth (June 9, 10):

Locations for tabling: Stop and Shop once a month; trying with Whole Foods; trying for Farmer's Market Tue & Sat. morning.

Potentially stores: REI?, LuLu Lemons (yoga)?, WH library?, Bishop's Corner Library, West Farms Mall? , West Hartford Town Hall Lobby

Website: tracking from our website to clean energy options suppliers? Melissa to respond.

Other outreach: community forum, permanent display at library, work with PTOs as fundraiser. Noah Webster does annual fundraiser.

Melissa to clarify how much \$/sign-up and how we can track it.

**6. To dos:** Catherine to resend checklist for development.

Catherine to resend other requests for help.

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**7. Next meeting:** 4/18/12 7pm, Town Hall